

## Muskogee Cimeter.

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### NEW STATE NOTES.

Yale will celebrate her second anniversary with a picnic August 1st and 2d.

W. J. Sullivan has been appointed traveling freight and passenger agent of the Midland Valley road at Muskogee.

The town of Phillips, a suburb of Coalgate, has petitioned the United States court at Atoka for authority to incorporate.

The city council at Hobart has levied a tax at the rate of seventeen mills. Four mills are for water and for fire supply.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company has suffered more from high water in Kansas and the Indian Territory this year than ever before in the history of that line.

The five-year-old child of Bryant Church, living near Stroud, was instantly killed by falling under the wheels of a steam thrasher last week.

Jim Phillips, while resisting arrest at McLoud, was shot by Marshal McCoy. The bullet struck Phillips in the lower jaw, fracturing that part of his anatomy.

According to the Democrat, El Reno will have a proposition for a packing house presented shortly. If the meat workers' strike continues long it may be a good thing.

Twenty-five men were mustered into service at Tulsa last week by Lieutenant F. R. Kenney of the United States army corps.

J. M. Bryan, in custody at Hobart since May 1st for the murder of a neighboring farmer, has been released on a \$10,000 bond, pending the convening of the grand jury.

Cleo is to have a cotton gin. H. W. Hutchinson, one of her enterprising citizens, has purchased the machinery and will have it in operation for the coming crop.

Those interested in holding a county fair in Roger Mills county will meet at Berlin on the 23d inst to select a place and time and make other arrangements.

While laboring in the harvest field Mrs. James Tish of Woods county suffered a sunstroke, and as a result has lost her mind. She has been taken to the asylum for the insane.

Indian Agent Schoenfeld, who is in Washington, is arranging for the payment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw town site fund to the members of those tribes of Indians. The sum aggregates about \$40 per capita to every man, woman and child in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

W. E. Halley has begun boring for oil on the Goddard place, south of South McAlester. The contract is to sink a well 2,000 feet, unless oil in paying quantities is struck sooner. This is the first exploration for oil in the vicinity of South McAlester in fifteen years.

Highwater of the Cottonwood undermined the plant of the Guthrie Gas Manufacturing company, causing the walls of its building to fall. The plant was but recently erected at a cost of \$40,000. Workmen have begun repairing the damage, which will be large.

### BEE STINGS CURED RHEUMATISM

Fortunate Farmer First to Prove Efficacy of Remedy.

There was an invalid farmer near Franklin, Mass.—"was an invalid farmer," now is a vigorous one, Harrison Willoughby. For years he had been a sufferer from acute rheumatism, and in the nervousness he knew he said at night "would God the day were here, and said at dawn would God the day were dead."

It happened that a few weeks ago he wandered amid the bee hives of a neighbor, swinging along on his



HOW HARRISON WILLOUGHBY AN INVALID FARMER, FELL ABOUT A BEE HIVE, RECEIVED STINGS THAT CURED HIM OF HIS RHEUMATISM.

crutches. One of the supports went into a soft bit of ground, he lurched sideways, he tipped over a hive.

Instantly, about the man, helpless to run away, swarmed the angry cloud of honey makers and their warriors. He madly, unfortunately strove to beat them off. They launched sting after sting into his skin, he became semi-unconscious from agony.

Finally people came and rescued him. He was put to bed and the physicians applied soothing lime water and the other things they know—but they said they had little hope that Mr. Willoughby could survive the terrible stings.

But he did pull through, and one morning he was thirsty. There was no one near, and before he knew it he had jumped out of bed and gone to the bathroom.

As he raised the water to his lips, he thought of something and almost dropped the glass. Where was that rheumatism?

And truly with the going away of the irritation of the bees' stings had the rheumatism gone, too.

So Willoughby is a well man today and, while he admits that the remedy was heroic, he says he is still thankful to those bees.

### Had No Need to Peep.

E. E. Rice is famous in theatrical annals for the "Amazonian Marches" which he featured in his various attractions. One night there was a great commotion behind the scenes, and Mr. Rice went back to investigate. He found a "scared youth in peril of rough usage at the hands of an indignant mob of scene shifters."

"Now what is the trouble?" demanded the manager, after effecting a heroic rescue.

"I—I was only peeping into one of the dressing rooms," gasped the terrified youth.

"Humph!" commented the manager, who perceived that the offender had been sufficiently punished. "I will make you out a pass for a seat in the parquet. You will have a better view there."—New York Times.

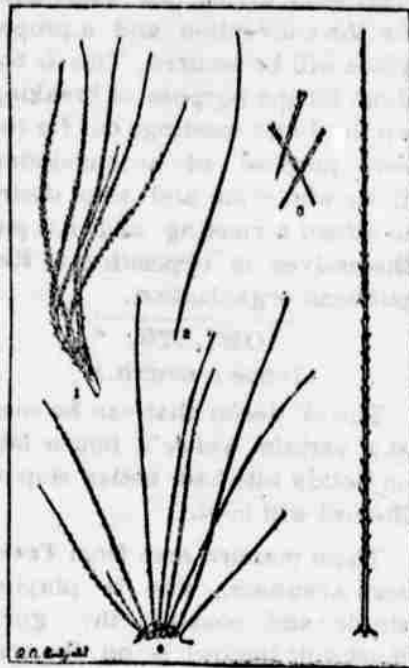
### Rattlesnake Put Up Fight.

While on the road from Allentown, N. H., to Manchester Thomas W. Lane noticed a black object in the road. Taking his whip from the socket he approached the object, which proved to be a rattlesnake. Mr. Lane attacked the snake and was surprised to see it strike boldly in resistance. Raining blows upon the reptile Mr. Lane retreated. Fully fifteen feet of ground was covered in the retreat before the snake was killed. The snake was killed. The snake was a large one and had nine rattles.

### MOTH CAUSE OF EPIDEMIC.

Residents of Boston Suburbs Smarting Under Visitation.

A new epidemic from a wholly unlooked for quarter has, for the past few weeks, been spreading among the people in the more open sections of Somerville, the Newtons, Arlington, Watertown, Waltham and nearly the whole of the rural locality north of Boston, until hundreds of people living in the vicinity of the swarming places of the brown-tail caterpillars



Magnified Spines of Brown-Tailed Moth.

are already suffering from its ravages, and recently so many new cases have been added to the list that the epidemic has now begun to be regarded most seriously.

Reports from the board of health in Newton, from Somerville and from Arlington all agree that the painful skin disease caused by the flying spines of the thousands of caterpillars swarming in those districts has already been the cause of great annoyance and suffering.

The epidemic is caused by the minute spiked hairs of the brown-tailed caterpillar coming in contact with the skin of people living in the infested districts.

### A Mexican Wonder.

The physicians of the Juarez hospital had something very unusual to talk about all day recently. Ramon Espinosa, who was murdered some three or four days ago, was taken to the hospital for an autopsy.

When the physicians were sawing the skull the saw touched a strange object, and as the physician attempted to continue his work the saw was broken in two pieces. Another saw was brought and the skull opened, when it was found that the strange object was a big steel piece, half the blade of a knife that evidently had been there for years. Even the scar produced by the wound had already disappeared from the man's forehead. How this man could live with the steel piece in his skull is something that physicians have been unable to explain.—Mexican Herald.

### Monkey Trap.



The greedy monkey is thus made an easy captive, for, having once grabbed the nut, he holds on and cannot withdraw his hand.

### WHY TOM "LOST INTEREST."

Would Attend Church, but He Didn't Like "de Pastorage."

Maj. E. T. D. Myers, president of the rich little road over whose rails all southbound trains must run between Washington and Richmond, has a family servant—a butler—to whom he is much attached.

"Tom" is prominent in all matters concerning his church, and it was therefore with some surprise that the major discovered him cleaning silver one Sunday afternoon recently during church hours.

"Tom," he said, "what in thunder are you doing there? Why aren't you at church?"

"Ain't had time tuh go dis evening, Major, suh."

"Nonsense," answered the major testily. "You always have time to go to church. Stop dawdling there and be off with you. Are you a backslider?"

"Nawsuh, dat I ain't," answered Tom. "De chu'ch suits me mighty well. I'se a Dickon in hit, en I laiks de music en de prars en de solemnness; but, tell you de trufe, Major, I don't like de pastorage, en dat's hoccum I'se lost intrust."—New York Times.



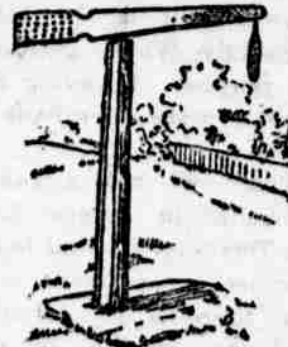
### Immense Cask Made in California.

A cask recently constructed for a California firm has put the famous fun of Heidelberg completely in the background. It is made of California red wood throughout, and the selection of the timber and making required two years. Eleven out of every twelve trees selected were rejected as unsuitable. Two entire trains of wagons were needed to convey the selected timber to the vineyard. The hoops of the cask, which are of the finest steel, weigh eighteen tons, while the completed cask is 38 feet high and 78 feet in circumference, and large enough to form a three-story house where 300 people could dine in comfort.

### Ancient English Pastime.

A curious clause, taking one right back to the middle ages, appears in the title deeds of a house in the village of Offham, in Kent, Eng. This is that the owner of the house must keep in good repair the village quintain, which still swings on its stout oaken post before the house.

One end of the swinging crossbar of this quintain (said to be the only surviving specimen in England) is shaped like a square target pierced



England's Last Quintain.

with a number of holes into which the point of the player's lance would enter.

When struck it would swing around, and unless the player were nimble the sandbag hung on the other end of the crossbar would swing around and unseat him.

### Blossoms on Dead Limb.

A rather remarkable curiosity can be seen in the orchard of the Dresser Stevens place at Newmarket, N. H. During one of the severe storms of last winter a large limb was broken off of an apple tree and lies upon the ground. The apparently dead limb, with not a leaf on it, is covered with blossoms.